SUMMER 2026

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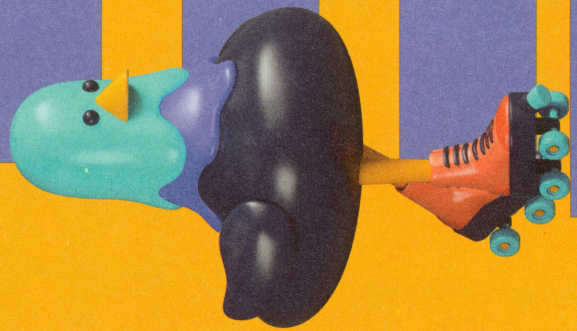
FUN STUFF JUST FOR KIDS!



ANN ARBOR DISTRICT LIBRARY

PRESCHOOL STORYTIMES

(AGE 2–5 YEARS)

Join us for stories and songs for listeners age 2 to 5 years, accompanied by an adult. Siblings are welcome.

MONDAYS..... 10:30AM · PITTSFIELD

TUESDAYS ..... 11AM · DOWNTOWN LOBBY
(June 9 and July 21 in the DTN Story Corner)
& MALLETTS CREEK
(No session at Malletts Creek July 28)

WEDNESDAYS .... 10:30AM · MALLETTS CREEK
(No session July 29)

THURSDAYS..... 11AM · TRAVERWOOD & PITTSFIELD
(No session at Traverwood July 30)

FRIDAYS ..... 1PM · WESTGATE
(No session July 24 & July 31)

BABY PLAYGROUPS

(BABIES UP TO 24 MONTHS)

This is a time for babies up to 24 months and their grown-ups to gather and play. The Library will provide the space and a variety of toys. Each playgroup includes 15 minutes of stories, rhymes, and songs followed by open playtime. Caregivers must remain with their children. No older siblings, please.

MONDAYS..... 10:30AM
MALLETTS CREEK
(No session July 27 & August 3)

TUESDAYS 11:00AM
TRAVERWOOD
(No session July 28)

WEDNESDAYS .... 10:30AM · PITTSFIELD & WESTGATE
(No Westgate session July 29)

FRIDAYS 10:30AM
DOWNTOWN KIDS ROOM

Illustrations by Noah Camp

PRESCHOOL ARTSTART

(AGE 2–5 YEARS)

Join us for fun process-based arts and crafts for children age 2 to 5 years, accompanied by an adult. The same activity will be featured at all three ArtStarts each month.

MON, JUNE 8
10:30–11:00AM
TRAVERWOOD

WED, JUNE 10
1:30–2:00PM
PITTSFIELD

THURS, JUNE 11
10:30–11:00AM
MALLETTS CREEK

MON, JULY 6
10:30–11:00AM
TRAVERWOOD

WED, JULY 8
1:30–2:00PM
PITTSFIELD

THURS, JULY 9
10:30–11:00AM
MALLETTS CREEK

THURS, AUGUST 6
10:30–11:00AM
MALLETTS CREEK

MON, AUGUST 10
10:30–11:00AM
TRAVERWOOD

WED, AUGUST 12
1:30–2:00PM
PITTSFIELD

BABIES, TODDLERS, & PRESCHOOLERS SUMMER EVENTS

KOREAN STORYTIME
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3
10:30–11:30AM
TRAVERWOOD
Babies & Preschoolers • Hear stories told by Eunjae Cheon and sing songs led by Andrea Yun! All activities will be led in Korean. After storytime, stay for a craft!

LITTLE PLAY DATE
THURSDAY, JUNE 4
10:30–11:30AM
WESTGATE KIDS AREA
Babies, Preschoolers & Caregivers • Socialize with others and enjoy simple activities in a relaxed environment.

YOUNG SCIENTISTS
SATURDAY, JUNE 6
11–11:45AM
WESTGATE
Age 2–5 • Join us for stories and a simple exploration of science for young children accompanied by an adult.

CHINESE STORYTIME
SATURDAY, JUNE 6
11:00AM–12:00PM
DOWNTOWN LOWER LEVEL
Babies & Preschoolers • Come to a dancing and storytelling event! After storytime, stay to make a craft and bring it home. All activities will be led in Mandarin.

KIDS MOVE: LITTLE KIDS
SUNDAY, JUNE 7
11–11:45AM
WESTGATE
Preschool–Age 5 • Join Jesse Deucher and Sarah Kairis, creators of PandaFit, for fun games to keep kids active. This sensory friendly program is open to all!

JAPAN WEEK | A JAPANESE CLASSIC TALE: *OMUSUBI KORORIN (TUMBLING RICEBALLS)*

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17
11–11:30AM
DTN LOBBY
Babies & Preschoolers • Early Childhood teachers from Rudolf Steiner School of Ann Arbor will bring movement fun and a puppet play of a Japanese classic folktale of Omusubi Kororin.

This event is part of Japan Week 2026 in partnership with the University of Michigan Center for Japanese Studies.

SPANISH STORYTIME

SATURDAY, JUNE 20
11–11:30AM
PITTSFIELD
Babies & Preschoolers • Join us for stories and songs led by story-teller Raquel! All activities will be led in Spanish.

JAPAN WEEK | JAPANESE STORYTIME

SATURDAY, JUNE 20
11–11:30AM
DTN LOBBY
Age 2–5 Years • Local music teacher Momo Kajiwara will lead us in song, movement, and storytelling in Japanese!

This event is part of Japan Week 2026 in partnership with the University of Michigan Center for Japanese Studies.

BABY AND TODDLER GEAR SWAP

SUNDAY, JUNE 28
11:00AM–1:00PM
DTN LOWER LEVEL PROGRAM RM
Caretakers of Babies & Toddlers • If you have supplies for young children that you no longer need, or if you're looking for some gently used items for your young child, this is the swap for you!

Items will be accepted at all library locations through June 21. You do not need to bring materials in order to pick something up.

LITTLE PLAY DATE

THURSDAY, JULY 2
10:30–11:30AM
WESTGATE KIDS AREA
Babies, Preschoolers, & Caregivers • See description June 4.

YOUNG SCIENTISTS

THURSDAY, JULY 2
1–1:45PM
TRAVERWOOD
Age 2–5 • See description June 6.

DANCING BABIES WITH MOMO KAJIWARA

MONDAY, JULY 6
11–11:45AM
DTN LOBBY
Babies And Preschoolers, Up To Age 5 • Join local music teacher, Momo Kajiwara, for a program of music and motion!

DANCING BABIES WITH ROBIN ROBINSON

SUNDAY, JULY 12
11–11:45AM
DTN LOBBY
Babies And Preschoolers, Up To Age 5 • Join local music teacher, Robin Robinson, for a program of music and motion!

KOREAN STORYTIME

MONDAY, JULY 13
10:30–11:30AM
TRAVERWOOD
Babies & Preschoolers • See description June 3.

BLUEY PARTY!

SATURDAY, JULY 18
11:00AM–12:00PM
WESTGATE
Ages 3-8 • Join us for *Bluey* related crafts, music, and fun!

PAW PATROL PARTY!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2
11:00AM–12:00PM
PITTSFIELD
Age 2–5 • Join us for *Paw Patrol* crafts, music, and fun!

LITTLE PLAY DATE
MONDAY, AUGUST 3
10:30–11:30AM
WESTGATE KIDS AREA
Babies & Preschoolers and Caregivers • See description June 4.

YOUNG SCIENTISTS
THURSDAY, AUGUST 6
1–1:45PM
MALLETTS CREEK
Age 2–5 • See description June 6.

CHICKEN STORYTIME & CRAFT
MONDAY, AUGUST 17
12–1:00PM
TRAVERWOOD
Age 2–5 Years • Join AADL storytellers for a silly CHICKEN-themed storytime, then make your own paper plate chicken to take home!

SESAME STREET PARTY!
THURSDAY, AUGUST 20
12–1:00PM
MALLETTS CREEK
Ages 3–8 • Join us for Sesame Street crafts, music, and fun!

JAPANESE STORYTIME
SATURDAY, AUGUST 22
11–11:30AM
DTN LOBBY
Age 2–5 • Local music teacher Momo Kajiwara will lead us in song, movement, and storytelling in Japanese!

KOREAN STORYTIME
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26
10:30–11:30AM
DTN LOWER LEVEL PROGRAM RM
Babies & Preschoolers • See description June 3.

SPANISH STORYTIME
SATURDAY, AUGUST 29
11–11:30AM
WESTGATE
Babies & Preschoolers • See description June 20.

A2CAF 2026

ARTISTS ALLEY
SATURDAY, JUNE 13
11:00AM–5:00PM
DTN LOBBY
All Ages • Artists Alley features over 40 working artists and writers from the worlds of print and web comics, with material for sale and codes for AADL's Summer Game.

FACE PAINTING
SATURDAY, JUNE 13
11:00AM–3:00PM
DTN SECRET LAB
All Ages • Have your face painted to release your inner tiger, butterfly, or other kind of creature!

AUTHOR SPOTLIGHT: FROM KID TO CARTOONIST WITH JOHN PATRICK GREEN
SATURDAY, JUNE 13
11:00AM–12:00PM
DTN 4TH FL PROGRAM RM
Grade K–Adult • *New York Times* best-selling comics creator John Patrick Green created his first comics to share with friends when he was just a kid! This talk explores his path from making and selling comics at school, to his invention of the *InvestiGators* graphic novel series.

THE ART OF STICK FIGURES WITH MYA GOSLING
SATURDAY, JUNE 13
11:30AM–12:30PM
DTN LOWER LEVEL PROGRAM RM
Grade K–Adult • Think you can't draw? Think again! Everyone can draw stick figures! Learn the basics of stick figure storytelling with Mya, an artist who also thinks she can't draw.

AUTHOR SIGNING: JOHN

PATRICK GREEN
SATURDAY, JUNE 13
12:15–1:15PM
DTN LOBBY
Grade K–Adult • Meet John Patrick Green, author of *InvestiGators*, and have your copies of his books signed!

QUICK DRAW
SATURDAY, JUNE 13
12:15–12:30PM
DTN KIDS STORY CORNER
All Ages • Take two quick-thinking artists, add a timer and some audience prompts, and you'll get a Quick Draw. It's improvisational cartooning with lots of cheer and courage brought to you by our A2CAF guest artists. Will there be vegetables...on the moon? Dinosaurs...at the dinner table? Sea monsters...running for president?

AUTHOR SPOTLIGHT: A CONVERSATION WITH KAZU KIBUISHI
SATURDAY, JUNE 13
12:30–1:30PM
DTN 4TH FL PROGRAM RM
Grade K–Adult • Join us as we sit down with Kazu Kibuishi, author of the *Amulet* graphic novel series, and talk about his work, life, comics, and whatever else comes to mind! Time for Q&A will follow.

AUTHOR SIGNING: KAZU KIBUISHI
SATURDAY, JUNE 13
1:45–2:45PM
DTN LOBBY
Grade K–Adult • Meet Kazu Kibuishi, author of *Amulet*, and have your copies of his books signed!

QUICK DRAW
SATURDAY, JUNE 13
1:45–2:00PM
DTN KIDS STORY CORNER
All Ages • Join John Patrick Green (*InvestiGators* series) in a Quick Draw!

AUTHOR SPOTLIGHT: *MEXIKID THE GRAPHIC MEMOIR* WITH PEDRO MARTÍN
SATURDAY, JUNE 13
2–3:00PM
DTN 4TH FL PROGRAM RM
Grade K–Adult • Join us for a behind-the-scenes look at the creation of Pedro Martín's first book, *Mexikid*, and a sneak peek of his follow-up book, *Mexikid Dreams*.

DRAWING COMICS AND MANGA WITH KAM KOMICS
SATURDAY, JUNE 13
3–4:00PM
DTN LOWER LEVEL PROGRAM RM
Grade K–Adult • Are you interested in learning the fundamentals of cartooning and comic/manga books? Local and independent comic book artist Kamron Reynolds will introduce you to the world of comics. Learn how to draw your own characters, faces, backgrounds, lettering, and much more. The key to creating is getting started.

AUTHOR SIGNING: PEDRO MARTÍN
SATURDAY, JUNE 13
3:15–4:15PM
DTN LOBBY
Grade K–Adult • Meet Pedro Martín, author of *Mexikid*, and have your copies of his book signed!

QUICK DRAW
SATURDAY, JUNE 13
3:15–3:30PM
DTN KIDS STORY CORNER
All Ages • See description June 13, 12:15pm.

AUTHOR SPOTLIGHT: MAKE YOUR STUFFIE A STAR WITH VICTORIA JAMIESON

SATURDAY, JUNE 13
3:30–4:30PM
DTN 4TH FL PROGRAM RM
Grade K–Adult • Do you have a beloved stuffed animal? Playing with stuffies is a lot like creating a character for a comic book! In this hands-on workshop, Victoria Jamieson talks about getting to know your character (stuffed or imaginary), making up stories for them, and writing and drawing their adventures in a comic. Feel free to bring your favorite stuffed friend!

AUTHOR SIGNING: VICTORIA JAMIESON

SATURDAY, JUNE 13
4:30–5:30PM
DTN LOBBY
Grade K–Adult • Meet Victoria Jamieson, author of *Roller Girl* and *When the Stars Are Scattered*, and have your copies of her books signed!

ARTISTS ALLEY

SUNDAY, JUNE 14
11:00AM–5:00PM
DTN LOBBY
All Ages • Artists Alley features over 40 working artists and writers from the worlds of print and web comics, with material for sale and codes for AADL's Summer Game.

FACE PAINTING

SUNDAY, JUNE 14
11:00AM–3:00PM
DTN SECRET LAB
All Ages • See description June 13.

AUTHOR SPOTLIGHT: MY MEMOIR COMICS AND YOU, WITH PEDRO MARTÍN

SUNDAY, JUNE 14
11:00AM–12:00PM
DTN 4TH FL PROGRAM RM
Grade K–Adult • Pedro Martín will walk you through the process he uses to create his online series *Mexikid Stories* (mexikid.com and @mexikidstories on Instagram). He'll explain some simple storytelling techniques and give you a hands-on exercise that will help you tell your own story.

DRAW A D&D DOG WITH SCOUT UNDERHILL

SUNDAY, JUNE 14
11:30AM–12:30PM
DTN LOWER LEVEL PROGRAM RM
Grade K–Adult • Roll up a D&D dog and get ready for an adventure with Scout Underhill, creator of *DnDoggos*!

AUTHOR SIGNING: PEDRO MARTÍN

SUNDAY, JUNE 14
12:15–1:15PM
DTN LOBBY
Grade K–Adult • See description June 13, 3:15pm.

QUICK DRAW

SUNDAY, JUNE 14
12:15–12:30PM
DTN KIDS STORY CORNER
All Ages • See description June 13, 12:15pm.

AUTHOR SPOTLIGHT: HOW TO MAKE COMICS WITH JOHN PATRICK GREEN (IT'S A MYSTERY!)

SUNDAY, JUNE 14
12:30–1:30PM
DTN 4TH FL PROGRAM RM
Grade K–Adult • InvestiGators Mango and Brash solve mysteries every day! Author John Patrick Green walks you through all of the creative tools you need to catch your own criminals with pen and paper, starting with drawing the characters, developing the perfect crime, coming up with villains, and then solving the mysteries.

AUTHOR SIGNING: JOHN PATRICK GREEN

SUNDAY, JUNE 14
1:45–2:45PM
DTN LOBBY
Grade K–Adult • See description June 13, 12:15pm.

QUICK DRAW

SUNDAY, JUNE 14
1:45–2:00PM
DTN KIDS STORY CORNER
All Ages • See description June 13, 12:15pm.

AUTHOR SPOTLIGHT: GRAPHIC NOVEL STEP-BY-STEP WITH VICTORIA JAMIESON

SUNDAY, JUNE 14
2–3:00PM
DTN 4TH FL PROGRAM RM
Grade K–Adult • Do you dream of making your own graphic novel? Victoria Jamieson shares how she develops plots and characters for her books, as well as her step-by-step process for making a graphic novel from start to finish.

DRAWN IN: A PANEL OF COMICS ARTISTS

SUNDAY, JUNE 14
3–4:00PM
DTN LOWER LEVEL PROGRAM RM
Grade K–Adult • Join moderator Ruth McNally Barshaw (*Ellie McDoodle*) for a rousing discussion of how to live a creative life in comics with panelists Emily Zelasko, Maya Scarpa, Mark Bell, and James Anderson. Ruth will be challenging her panel of artists by asking them to draw the answers to her questions on giant sheets of paper!

AUTHOR SIGNING: VICTORIA JAMIESON

SUNDAY, JUNE 14
3:15–4:15PM
DTN LOBBY
Grade K–Adult • See description June 13, 4:30pm.

QUICK DRAW

SUNDAY, JUNE 14
3:15–3:30PM
DTN KIDS STORY CORNER
All Ages • See description June 13, 12:15pm.

AUTHOR SPOTLIGHT: BEHIND THE SCENES OF *AMULET* WITH KAZU KIBUISHI

SUNDAY, JUNE 14
3:30–4:30PM
DTN 4TH FL PROGRAM RM
Grade K–Adult • Kazu Kibuishi, author of the *Amulet* graphic novel series, gives a visual presentation of his life and work.

AUTHOR SIGNING: KAZU KIBUISHI

SUNDAY, JUNE 14
4:30–5:30PM
DTN LOBBY
Grade K–Adult • See description June 13, 1:45pm.

KIDS' SUMMER EVENTS!

CONCERT WITH OUT LOUD CHORUS
FRIDAY, JUNE 5
6–7:00PM
DTN LOBBY
Grade K–Adult • Enjoy a family-friendly concert by Out Loud Chorus, Washtenaw County's original mixed LGBTQ+ chorus.

TAKE A HIKE!
SATURDAY, JUNE 6
1–3:00PM
TRAVERWOOD
Grade K–Adult • Learn how to safely enjoy Ann Arbor's natural areas and go on a two mile walk at a nature area nearby the Traverwood Branch! We'll first spend time inside learning about ticks, poison ivy, and sun safety, and then head outside to enjoy the trails together.

This program is in partnership with Shades of the Outdoors and City of Ann Arbor Parks and Recreation, and is part of its Diversity in the Outdoors events series.

DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL 3D ORNAMENTS WITH LYLA WANG
SATURDAY, JUNE 6
2–3:30PM
PITTSFIELD
Grade K–5 • Celebrate Chinese culture and create a fun 3D paper craft! Local artist Lyla Wang will walk you through each step.

I AM GROOT FLOWERPOT
SATURDAY, JUNE 6
2–3:00PM
MALLETTS CREEK
Grade K–Adult • Decorate the outside of a flowerpot using craft foam and other materials to look like Groot from *Guardians of the Galaxy*.

ARABIC STORYTIME
SUNDAY, JUNE 7
11–11:30AM
PITTSFIELD
Preschool–Grade 3 • Join us for a storytime in Arabic led by author and storyteller Hadil Ghoneim! This event will be primarily in Arabic with explanation in English.

KIDS MOVE: BIG KIDS
SUNDAY, JUNE 7
12–12:45PM
WESTGATE
Grade K–5 • Join Jesse Deucher and Sarah Kairis, creators of PandaFit, for fun games to keep kids active. This sensory friendly program is open to all!

CHESSTASTIC
SUNDAY, JUNE 7
1–3:00PM
TRAVERWOOD
Grade K–Adult • Chess players of all ages are invited to drop-in to play a friendly game of chess with other attendees. Chess sets and game rules are provided, but no detailed instruction is given.

CIRCUS ANATOMY WITH POPPET

SUNDAY, JUNE 7
3–4:00PM
DTN LOBBY
Grade K–5 • Come see how you can make the impossible possible in this engaging workshop performed by Poppet! Through performances and interactive activities, you'll learn how your muscles, joints, and bones function together to create movement of all kinds.

FAMILY-FRIENDLY CONCERT BY GRATITUDE STEEL BAND

TUESDAY, JUNE 9
2–3:00PM
DTN LOBBY
All Ages • Enjoy an interactive concert for all ages!

JELLYFISH FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10
11:00AM–12:00PM
TRAVERWOOD
Grade K–5 • Make colorful friendship bracelets with paper "jellyfish" templates!

HEXBUG ADVENTURES

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10
11:00AM–12:30PM
DTN LOWER LEVEL PROGRAM RM
Grade K–5 • Come play with the library's HEXBUGs! Get your buggy engines running for an interactive obstacle course. Combine speed and agility to discover which HEXBUG has the swiftest legs and the cleverest operator. Drop in anytime during the program to play or stay for the whole time!

BILINGUAL FAMILY CONCERT WITH ALINA CELESTE & MI AMIGO HAMLET

THURSDAY, JUNE 11
2–2:45PM
DTN LOBBY
Kids & Families • Being Bilingual Rocks! is an interactive, one of a kind celebration of love, acceptance, and diversity that features an eclectic blend of original and traditional songs from Latin America. Kids and families will be singing in English and Spanish, dancing, and clapping along on this musical journey that includes a mix of bossanova, rumba-flamenco, contemporary Caribbean beats, bluegrass twang, and humor.

HEAT PRESS-A-PALOOZA

THURSDAY, JUNE 11
2–3:30PM
DTN SECRET LAB
Grade K–5 • Use our heat press machines to affix library-related art to a canvas bag. Perfect for taking home your summer reads!

BEADED RAINBOW KEYCHAINS

FRIDAY, JUNE 12
1–2:30PM
PITTSFIELD
Grade K–Adult • We will be making a pony bead rainbow keychain!

PAPER MOSAICS

FRIDAY, JUNE 12
1–2:00PM
TRAVERWOOD
Preschool–Grade 5 • Use small squares of paper and glue to create an original work of paper mosaic art!

SUMMER GAME MIXER!

FRIDAY, JUNE 12
5:30–7:00PM
DTN SECRET LAB
All Ages • Come to the Secret Lab to find a variety of codes, meet other Summer Game players, and engage with drop-in crafts!

MEET YOUR PARKS WITH NATURAL AREA PRESERVATION: POND WALK

SATURDAY, JUNE 13
1–2:00PM
OLSON PARK PLAYGROUND
(1515 DHU VARREN RD)
All Ages • Join Natural Area Preservation over the course of this year as they introduce us to local parks and natural areas! This month we will walk around Olson Pond to look for birds and animals that make Olson Park home. We'll end at the fishing dock and have a chance to dip a net for the macro invertebrates that live in the water. This is a 1-mile paved loop path. Dress for the weather with sturdy shoes.

In partnership with City of Ann Arbor Natural Area Preservation.

KIDS ROCK: THE SHAKE UPS @ TOP OF THE PARK

SUNDAY, JUNE 14
6:15–7:15PM
RACKHAM STAGE – TOP OF THE PARK
All Ages • Award-winning Midwestern-based power pop group the Shake Ups are back at A2SF this summer! Inspired by pop culture and cartoons, both classic and new, their ultra-fun combination of co-ed vocals, danceable hooks, and catchy melodies makes for a live experience easily enjoyed by audiences of all ages. Come shake it up with the Shake Ups at Top of the Park!

JAPAN WEEK | CLAY TOTORO & FRIENDS

MONDAY, JUNE 15
2–3:30PM
DTN 4TH FL PROGRAM RM
Grade K–5 • Celebrate Studio Ghibli with this fun craft! Use air-dry clay to create characters from iconic films like *My Neighbor Totoro*, *Kiki's Delivery Service*, and *Howl's Moving Castle*.

This event is part of Japan Week 2026 in partnership with the University of Michigan Center for Japanese Studies.

MAKE YOUR OWN BOARD GAME

MONDAY, JUNE 15
3–4:00PM
DTN LOWER LEVEL PROGRAM RM
Grade K–5 • Design and make your own board game using paper supplies, your imagination, and creativity! Want to make a game about singing dragons? Exploring new planets? The Great Capybara Race? You can!

PONY BEAD FLOWER BRACELETS

MONDAY, JUNE 15
3–4:00PM
MALLETTS CREEK
Grade 2-8 • We are making a bracelet by stringing pony beads into flowers!

JAPAN WEEK | SAKURA INSTRUMENTAL GROUP + CALLIGRAPHY PERFORMANCE

TUESDAY, JUNE 15
6–7:00PM
DTN LOBBY

Grade K–Adult • Immerse yourself in the vibrant cultural tapestry of Japan. Experience the enchanting world of the Shishimai Lion dance, a traditional folk art passed down through generations. The presentation will also feature the Shodo calligraphy artist, Kyoko Fujii, who will create traditional Japanese calligraphy using an extraordinarily large-sized washi paper and brush, accompanied by traditional festival music. The show concludes with a summer celebration Bon Dance.

This event is part of Japan Week 2026 in partnership with the University of Michigan Center for Japanese Studies and the University of Michigan Museum of Art.

PIKACHU PUPPETS

TUESDAY, JUNE 16
11:00AM–12:00PM
WESTGATE

Grade K–5 • Do you like Pokémon? Make a cute Pikachu stick puppet out of simple supplies!

CREATURE CUTIES

TUESDAY, JUNE 16
11:00AM–12:00PM
PITTSFIELD

Preschool–Grade 5 • Add foam stickers to an oversized pom pom to create a cute and fluffy animal friend.

JAPAN WEEK | MAKE A PRINT INSPIRED BY JAPANESE ART WITH UMMA

TUESDAY, JUNE 16
2–3:30PM
DTN SECRET LAB

Grade K–Adult • Make a print inspired by Japanese artwork from the University of Michigan Museum of Art's (UMMA) collection. You'll learn about printmaking processes, trace reproductions from the museum, and add personal touches in this workshop led by educators from UMMA. Bring your imagination! After you make your own artwork visit the original inspiration in person and claim your Summer Game code!

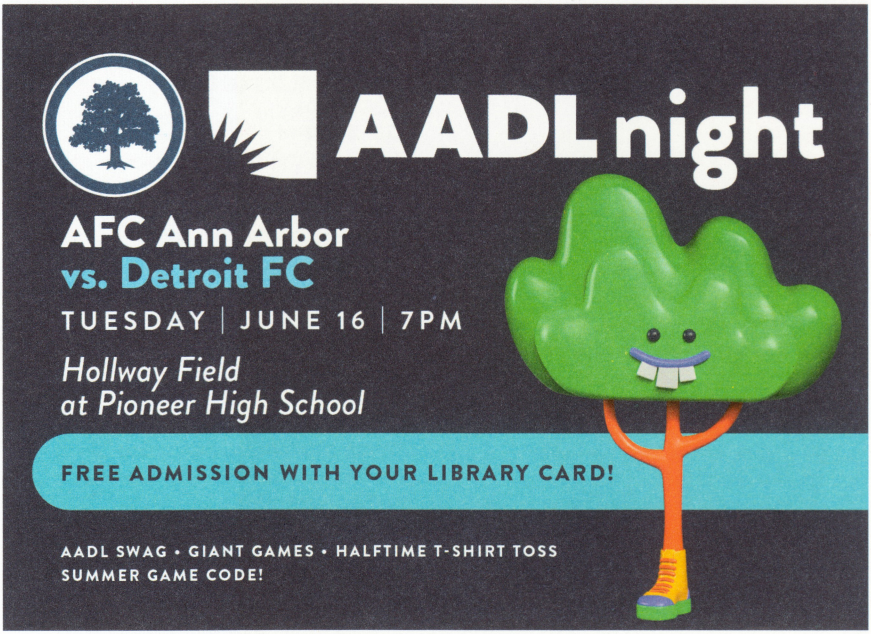
This event is part of Japan Week 2026 in partnership with the University of Michigan Center for Japanese Studies and the University of Michigan Museum of Art.

AADL NIGHT: AFC ANN ARBOR VS. DETROIT FC

TUESDAY, JUNE 16
7–8:30PM
HOLLWAY FIELD
(601 W. STADIUM BLVD)

Preschool–Adult • It's AADL Night at Hollway Field when the Mighty Oak women's team takes the pitch against rivals Detroit FC. Free admission for individuals and families with your Ann Arbor District Library card, and kids 13 and under are always free! AADL will be bringing giant games, stickers, and our pinback button maker, while giving out t-shirts at halftime. Plus, a big Summer Game code!

Learn more about AFC Ann Arbor at afcannarbor.com.


AADL night
AFC Ann Arbor
vs. Detroit FC
TUESDAY | JUNE 16 | 7PM
Hollway Field
at Pioneer High School
FREE ADMISSION WITH YOUR LIBRARY CARD!
AADL SWAG • GIANT GAMES • HALFTIME T-SHIRT TOSS
SUMMER GAME CODE!

PARENT & CHILD DRAWING WORKSHOP

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17
3–4:00PM
WESTGATE

Grade K–5 • Are you looking for a fun way to connect with your child? Join local children's author and illustrator, Amy Nielander, for a hands-on drawing workshop featuring the Create a Character Activity. Parents and kids will draw together, stretch their creativity, practice resilience, and build trust. This program emphasizes connection, communication, and innovation. No drawing experience is required and all caregivers are welcome—feel free to bring more than one child.

UNICORN STORYTIME & CRAFT

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17
3–4:00PM
TRAVERWOOD

Preschool–Grade 3 • Join an AADL storyteller for a special unicorn storytime, then make a unicorn craft!

SUMMER BREAK BY FLIP FABRIQUE @ TOP OF THE PARK

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17
5:45–6:15PM
7:30–8:00PM
LAWN – TOP OF THE PARK

All Ages • Remember your first summer camp? Campfires, sticky marshmallows, late-night laughter, and that pillow fight that ended in the infirmary? FLIP Fabrique brings it all back with Summer Break, a high-energy circus experience bursting with nostalgia, acrobatics, and playful surprises. Jump on the Vacation Bus as it rolls into Top of the Park for a joyful celebration of summer freedom, friendship, and adventure. A2SF continues the proud tradition of presenting dazzling international spectacles and contemporary circus feats. This outdoor sensation at Top of the Park is free for everyone. Come early, bring a blanket, and be part of the magic.

Check out all the fun AADL has planned with A2SF at aadl.org/a2sf. This event is offered in partnership with the Ann Arbor Summer Festival.

STRAWBERRY DNA EXTRACTION
THURSDAY, JUNE 18
1–2:00PM
DTN SECRET LAB
Grade 3–Adult • In this hands-on science experiment you will extract real DNA from strawberries! It's easy with a few common supplies.

PIPE CLEANER JELLYFISH LIGHT
THURSDAY, JUNE 18
1–2:00PM
MALLETTS CREEK
Grade 3–12 • Make a hanging jellyfish light by using colorful pipe cleaners and an LED light.

THE JUNETEENTH STORY
THURSDAY, JUNE 18
2–3:00PM
WESTGATE
Grade K–5 • Join Alliah L. Agostini, award-winning author of *The Juneteenth Story* and *The Juneteenth Cookbook* as she shares the history of Juneteenth, her personal connection to the holiday, and some fun family-friendly ways you can bring the holiday to life at home and in your community.

This event includes a signing with books for sale.

SUMMER BREAK BY FLIP FABRIQUE @ TOP OF THE PARK
THURSDAY, JUNE 18
5:45–6:15PM
7:30–8:00PM
LAWN – TOP OF THE PARK
All Ages • See description, June 17.

MENAGERIE MIX-UP!
FRIDAY, JUNE 19
2–3:00PM
DTN LOWER LEVEL PROGRAM RM
Grade K–5 • Make your own mixed-up animals out of felt! Do you want the head of a zebra, the body of a dragon, and the feet of a bird? Make any animal bodies you can think of and then swap them to see all the combinations!

HANDPRINT CACTUS CARDS
FRIDAY, JUNE 19
2–3:00PM
PITTSFIELD
Grade K–5 • Trace your hand onto paper, then cut it out and decorate it to create a greeting card shaped like a cactus in a flower pot. We'll even provide cactus puns you can choose to write inside the card!

FABRIC STICKERS AND TAPE
SATURDAY, JUNE 20
1–2:00PM
WESTGATE
Grade K–Adult • Let's turn fabric into stickers with a few simple steps. Make your own shapes, make stickers of images on fabric, or make decorative tape. These stickers are perfect for sticking on mail, notebooks, and more!

DIORAMA-RAMA
SATURDAY, JUNE 20
1–2:00PM
TRAVERWOOD
Grade K–5 • Create an extra-fun 3D landscape out of cardboard boxes, tiny toy animals, colorful paper, and a huge selection of decorative items!

COLLAGE PLAYING CARDS
SATURDAY, JUNE 20
4–5:00PM
MALLETTS CREEK
Grade K–Adult • Use collage materials to customize a deck of playing cards!

AADL SUMMER FEST PARTY!
SATURDAY, JUNE 20
5–10:00PM
TOP OF THE PARK
All Ages • Join us for cookies, refreshments, and summertime fun to celebrate the start of the Summer Game at A2SF! Stop by and say hello to Library Director Eli Neiburger and AADL staff, and hang out with Summer Game players and other people who love the library!

JAPAN WEEK | THE SOUNDS OF JAPAN
SATURDAY, JUNE 20
6–7:00PM
DTN LOBBY
All Ages • This program introduces the traditional Japanese instruments koto (a 13-string zither) and shamisen (a three-string lute). The concert presents a wide range of music, from time-honored pieces passed down through generations to contemporary works, highlighting the richness of Japanese culture and its connection to the present day. Audience participation is encouraged throughout the program, with opportunities to sing along or clap to the rhythm, creating a shared musical experience. Following the performance, the group will hold a musical instrument playing experience. They will also introduce traditional Japanese crafts, providing an opportunity for you to gain a deeper understanding of Japanese culture through music and hands-on experiences.

This event is part of Japan Week 2026 in partnership with the University of Michigan Center for Japanese Studies.

KIF-KIF / RETURNS DEPARTMENT @ TOP OF THE PARK
SATURDAY, JUNE 20
7–7:30PM
LYDIA MENDELSSOHN THEATER (MICHIGAN LEAGUE, 911 N. UNIVERSITY)
Grade K–Adult • Twin sisters welcome you to the Returns Department, where merchandise returned to the store by disgruntled customers is inspected. They discover all sorts of dysfunctional objects and manufacturing defects

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on their conveyor belt. For them, dealing with complaints is like opening a box of chocolates. Little by little, the temptation to play with the merchandise takes hold, but the objects themselves play some tricks of their own!

MAKE MUSIC DAY | MUSICAL PETTING ZOO

SUNDAY, JUNE 21
10:00AM–12:00PM
DTN LOWER LEVEL PROGRAM RM
All Ages • A collection of musical instruments ranging from synthesizers, drum machines, guitars, keyboards and electronic bagpipes will be available for you to sample and enjoy!

This event is part of Make Music Day. For more information, please see aadl.org/makemusic.

COLLAGE MAKING

SUNDAY, JUNE 21
12–2:00PM
MALLETTS CREEK
Grade K–Adult • Turn old magazines into new works of art. We will have magazines, glue sticks, scissors, paper, and markers on hand. All levels of art skill are welcome at this drop-in event.

KIF-KIF / RETURNS DEPARTMENT @ TOP OF THE PARK

SUNDAY, JUNE 21
4–4:30PM
LYDIA MENDELSSOHN THEATER (MICHIGAN LEAGUE, 911 N. UNIVERSITY)
Grade K–Adult • See description June 20.

SOUSAPALOOZA

SUNDAY, JUNE 21
4:30–5:30PM
LAWN – TOP OF THE PARK
All Ages • What's Make Music Day without America's most famous marches? AADL welcomes wind band players of all levels of skill and experience to join us and our esteemed conductor, Colonel (Rtd.) Jason Fettig, former director of the United States Marine Band, and Director of Bands at the University of Michigan, for SOUSAPALOOZA! With just one rehearsal, we'll perform John Philip Sousa's greatest hits and more at Top of the Park.

KIDS ROCK: GO BANANA GO! @ TOP OF THE PARK

SUNDAY, JUNE 21
6:30–7:30PM
RACKHAM STAGE – TOP OF THE PARK
All Ages • Join us for family-friendly comedy band Go Banana Go! Making their Top of the Park debut, the duo is composed of Emmy Award-winning songwriter/producer Jim Roach and Brian Wecht. Both fathers, with a delightfully offbeat sense of humor, began the band in 2019 after working together on numerous other projects. Bring your dancing shoes and get the kiddos ready to bop, laugh, and have tremendous amounts of fun with Go Banana Go!

KIF-KIF / RETURNS DEPARTMENT @ TOP OF THE PARK

SUNDAY, JUNE 21
7–7:30PM
LYDIA MENDELSSOHN THEATER (MICHIGAN LEAGUE, 911 N. UNIVERSITY)
Grade K–Adult • See description June 20.

PAINTED CARDBOARD BIRDS

MONDAY, JUNE 22
1–2:00PM
WESTGATE
Grade K–5 • Create a bright and colorful bird decoration using cardboard tubes, paint, cardstock, and a dash of imagination.

MAP ENVELOPES

MONDAY, JUNE 22
1–2:00PM
TRAVERWOOD
Grade 3–Adult • Using templates of unfolded envelopes, we will trace outlines from large maps and cut out new usable envelopes. Then we will glue the edges to make finished and ready-to-send postal envelopes. Drop in to make one or stay the whole time.

PAINTED PARTY ROCKS

TUESDAY, JUNE 23
2–3:00PM
DTN LOWER LEVEL PROGRAM RM
Grade K–5 • Paint some cute rocks that are ready to celebrate! Choose vibrant paint colors, add some googly eyes, and finally, make small felt hats with pom poms that are just the right size for your rocks!

COMICS JAM!

TUESDAY, JUNE 23
2–3:00PM
WESTGATE
Grade K–5 • Come make comics with us! Learn to draw with easy cartoon warm-ups, then have fun using the ideas in your own comics.

PRINTMAKING @ TOP OF THE PARK

TUESDAY, JUNE 23
5:30–7:30PM
THE ANNEX TENT – TOP OF THE PARK
Grade K–Adult • Drop in to pull a locally-themed print! All supplies are provided.

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CAMERON ZVARA'S COMEDY MAGIC FAMILY SHOW

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24
2–2:45PM
DTN LOBBY
Kids & Families • Join us for an afternoon of AMAZEMENT & FUN with comedian and entertainer Cameron Zvara! Cameron's show is filled with mind blowing magic, squeaky clean comedy, and tons of audience participation. You do not want to miss out!

ARTEMIS II—WE'RE BACK!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24
5:30–6:30PM
WESTGATE
Grade 1–Adult • It's been almost four years since Artemis I orbited the moon. Artemis II finally launched this year and now it's back! Why did it take so long between missions? What happened on this trip? How are the astronauts? When will we get human boots back on the Moon? NASA/JPL Solar System Ambassador Jennifer German provides answers and the latest updates from NASA on the next set of Moon landings for a new generation.

JUNETEENTH: ART, TASTE, & HERITAGE

THURSDAY, JUNE 25
1–4:00PM
DOWNTOWN LIBRARY
Preschool–Adult • Join us for an immersive celebration of freedom and heritage at our Juneteenth experience! At the top of every hour (1pm, 2pm, 3pm), join U-M Lecturer Lawrielle West for a deep dive into Juneteenth history. Between sessions, enjoy a scavenger hunt, heritage craft, and a "Taste of Juneteenth" culinary tasting.

JUNETEENTH: ART, TASTE, & HERITAGE | POWER TALKS AND STORYTELLING

THURSDAY, JUNE 25
1–4:00PM
DTN LOBBY
Preschool–Adult • At 1:00, 2:00, and 3:00pm, U-M Lecturer Lawrielle West will lead 15-minute inclusive sessions on the history, law, and legacy of Juneteenth.

JUNETEENTH: ART, TASTE, & HERITAGE | THE TASTE OF FREEDOM

THURSDAY, JUNE 25
1–4:00PM
DTN LOWER LEVEL PROGRAM RM
Preschool–Adult • Enjoy a curated tasting with sample portions featuring a protein, side, and drink inspired by the rich history and traditions of Juneteenth.

JUNETEENTH: ART, TASTE, & HERITAGE | CRAFTS

THURSDAY, JUNE 25
1–4:00PM
DTN SECRET LAB
Preschool–Adult • Drop in to create a custom bookmark inspired by Juneteenth quilt-making traditions while learning the history of storytelling through African American craft.

AN AFTERNOON WITH THE CREATURE CONSERVANCY

THURSDAY, JUNE 25
3–3:45PM
4:15–5:00PM
PITTSFIELD
Grade K–Adult • Join us for an evening of learning about local and exotic animals from The Creature Conservancy! TCC staff will be bringing a selection of ambassador animals for a live presentation.

For the safety of the animals and attendees, this event has limited seating.

PAPER PLATE FLYING SAUCERS

THURSDAY, JUNE 25
3–4:00PM
MALLETTS CREEK
Grade K–5 • Turn a paper plate into a flying saucer that is out of this world!

VICTORIAN PUZZLE PURSES

THURSDAY, JUNE 25
5–6:00PM
WESTGATE
Grade 3–Adult • Learn how to fold and decorate a Victorian puzzle purse, an intricately folded letter which, when opened, reveals its message!

LIVING FOSSILS

FRIDAY, JUNE 26
11:00AM–12:00PM
12:30–1:30PM
PITTSFIELD
Grade K–5 • Travel back millions of years to meet animals whose traits connect them to prehistoric life. You'll

observe live animals up close while learning how adaptations and survival strategies have allowed these species to thrive through time.

This program is in partnership with Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum and Leslie Science and Nature Center.

DIY STAMPS

FRIDAY, JUNE 26
11:00AM–12:00PM
TRAVERWOOD
Preschool–Grade 5 • Use foam shapes to create your own stamps!

KPOP DEMON HUNTERS PARTY!

FRIDAY, JUNE 26
6–7:00PM
DTN LOBBY
Grade K–Adult • Celebrate the popular movie *KPop Demon Hunters* with fun crafts and activities!

CUPCAKE DECORATING CHALLENGE!

SATURDAY, JUNE 27
12–3:00PM
DTN SECRET LAB
Preschool–Grade 8 • Come use icing and toppings to create a cupcake masterpiece! Enter your completed cupcake in our contest for a chance to win Summer Game points!

You do not need to enter the contest in order to decorate a cupcake.

CONCERT | TWO OF A KIND

SATURDAY, JUNE 27
12–12:45PM
DTN LOBBY
Preschool–Grade 5 • Two of a Kind returns to the Library to get summer fun underway! Clap and dance along with their music that will leave the whole family smiling.

CLAY MONSTERS
SATURDAY, JUNE 27
12–1:00PM
MALLETTS CREEK
Preschool–Grade 5 • Create silly and fun monsters out of air-dry clay!

DRAG BINGO
SATURDAY, JUNE 27TH
3–4:00PM
DTN 4TH FLOOR PROGRAM RM
All Ages • Join Drag Queen extraordinaire Jadein Black for a fantastic session of BINGO with music, prizes, and lots of fun! All are welcome.

SPINNING DOT THEATRE PRESENTS: *MARIPOSA/ BUTTERFLY*
SUNDAY, JUNE 28
1–1:45 PM
DTN LOBBY
Grade K–Adult • *Mariposa/Butterfly* by Sandra Fenichel Asher and José Casas tells the story of two neighbors who live side-by-side in Texas. A low fence separates their gardens, but much more divides them from each other. One grows flowers; the other raises vegetables. One was born in the U.S., the other in Mexico. One speaks English, the other Spanish. Their differences have kept them so far apart that if one predicts a sunny day, then the other is certain of rain. Even the arrival of a caterpillar causes disagreement—until the resulting mariposa/butterfly, and its eventual departure, unites them in wonder, sadness, and a new understanding of the beautiful world they share.

This performance is made possible with support from the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation.

A HONEY BEE PRESENTATION: CRAFTS AND GAMES WITH BEE PRESENT HONEY
SUNDAY, JUNE 28
1–2:30PM
PITTSFIELD
Grade K–5 • Local beekeepers Owen and Rebecca Wittekindt offer games, activities, and crafts to teach you about bees and what beekeepers do. See if you can spot the queen bee in their observation hive!

GROOVE ROOM: A DAYTIME DJ + COMMUNITY SOCIAL
SUNDAY, JUNE 28
3–5:00PM
DTN 4TH FLOOR PROGRAM RM
Preschool–Adult • Are you looking for somewhere to move and mingle? Groove Room transforms the library into a relaxed, welcoming social space where community members can gather, connect, and enjoy live DJ music together. Our DJ will spin an upbeat, approachable mix of dance music designed to create an inviting atmosphere for all ages. Whether you want to hit the dance floor, connect with friends, make new ones, or simply enjoy the vibe, this event offers a fun and welcoming way to experience the library in a new way.

FRYBREAD COOKING DEMONSTRATION AND TASTING WITH ANISHNABE MEEJIM
SUNDAY, JUNE 28
4–5:30PM
DTN LOWER LEVEL PROGRAM RM
Grade K–Adult • Learn about the history of Native frybread and try a sample prepared by Anishnabe Meejim.

PAPER AIRPLANES
MONDAY, JUNE 29
11:00AM–12:00PM
WESTGATE
Grade K–5 • Come experiment with building various types of paper airplanes. Which ones work best? Which fly the farthest?

ICE CREAM BOOKMARKS
MONDAY, JUNE 29
11:00AM–12:00PM
TRAVERWOOD
Preschool–Grade 5 • Create a seriously sweet summer treat that also keeps your place in a book! Assemble pre-cut paper shapes to create double-scoop ice cream cones, popsicles, and various other confections.

CRAFT-TASTIC!
TUESDAY, JUNE 30
12–1:00PM
WESTGATE
Grade K–5 • Come make whatever you want with whatever supplies we have! It's a chance to be creative and use your imagination at this anything-goes craft-a-thon!

FAMILY-FRIENDLY DISNEY KARAOKE
TUESDAY, JUNE 30
12–1:00PM
PITTSFIELD
Preschool–Adult • Come sing along to your favorite Disney songs! We'll have a selection of songs to choose from, ranging from the classics to more modern tunes.

RISO LAB
TUESDAY, JUNE 30
1–3:00PM
DTN SECRET LAB
Grade K–Adult • No art skills, no problem. We'll walk you through how to use analog tools to design a two-color risograph print. Following the event, participants will pick up copies of their design.

OLÉ! FLAMENCO DANCE AND MUSICAL PERFORMANCE WITH COMPAÑEROS DE FLAMENCO
TUESDAY, JUNE 30
6:30–7:30PM
DTN LOBBY
Grade K–Adult • Join the dancers and musicians of Compañeros de Flamenco as they bring to life the vibrant culture of Spanish Flamenco. Colorful costumes, compelling guitar music, and intricate footwork tell the story of Spain's multicultural heritage.

DIY MOVEABLE HAND
WEDNESDAY, JULY 1
1–2:00PM
DTN LOWER LEVEL PROGRAM RM
Grade 1–5 • Make a moving, bendable hand out of straws, paper, and string.

DOG MAN PARTY!
WEDNESDAY, JULY 1
1–2:00PM
TRAVERWOOD
Grade K–5 • Celebrate the popular *Dog Man* book series with fun crafts and activities!

HANDSEWN MERMAID MONEY
THURSDAY, JULY 2
2–3:00PM
DTN LOWER LEVEL PROGRAM RM
Grade 2–6 • Use felt and a colorful sequin layer to make sand dollars fit for a mermaid.

BENEATH THE SURFACE WITH AUTHOR CARISSA WELTON
THURSDAY, JULY 2
2–3:00PM
MALLETTS CREEK
Grade 3–8 • Join author Carissa Welton for a reading of her book *Beneath the Surface*, a story which follows 11 year old Xing Xing into the South China Sea after she discovers a special power that allows her to connect with ocean life. The new series takes readers deep below sea level through both fantasy and fact. After the story, stay for activities.

SUPER SCIENCE FESTIVAL

FRIDAY, JULY 3
1–3:00PM
DTN LOWER LEVEL PROGRAM RM
Grade K–5 • Explore hands-on activity stations blending science, art, and nature.

This program is in partnership with Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum and Leslie Science and Nature Center.

STAR JARS!

FRIDAY, JULY 3
1–2:30PM
TRAVERWOOD
Grade 3–Adult • We are making mini origami stars and then filling up a small jar so that you can take home a bit of the night sky!

CLASSIC ARCADE WEEK!

SUNDAY, JULY 5–WEDNESDAY, JULY 8
12–7:45PM
AALF (265 PARKLAND PLAZA)
Grade 3–Adult • Drop in all week for free play on a lineup of vintage arcade cabinets. No quarters required! Experience some of the earliest video games ever made and the classic relics that helped shape the future of gaming. Open play all week, or test your skills in our high score tournament on Thursday!

PINT SIZE POLKAS

SUNDAY, JULY 5
1–1:45PM
2–2:45PM
DTN LOBBY
Preschool–Grade 3 • Join Polka Hall of Famer Mike Schneider for Polka fun! The happiest music on Earth, together with magic and comedy, promises tons of fun for all your friends and family!

OOPS! ALL YARN

SUNDAY, JULY 5
1–3:00PM
MALLETTS CREEK
Grade K–Adult • We have a lot of acrylic yarn. Come help us use it up! Make a yarn craft with us or snag a few skeins for your knitting and crochet projects. We'll have some inspirational project ideas on hand.

This is a drop-in, open-ended program. Instructional materials are provided, but no detailed instruction is given.

MAGIC SPONGE PAINTING

SUNDAY, JULY 5
2–3:00PM
PITTSFIELD
Preschool–Grade 3 • Draw your own design with markers and selectively add water, then watch as the cellulose canvas puffs up to make 3D patterns!

MONSTER BOOKMARKS

MONDAY, JULY 6
3–4:00PM
MALLETTS CREEK
Grade K–5 • Create a one-of-a-kind monster friend and never lose your place in a book!

FELT STAMPS

MONDAY, JULY 6
3–4:00PM
WESTGATE
Grade K–Adult • Create your own unique stamps out of precut felt!

DOGS STORYTIME & CRAFT
TUESDAY, JULY 7
11:00AM–12:00PM
PITTSFIELD
Preschool–Grade 3 • Join AADL storytellers for dog-themed stories and crafts.

COLLAGE MAKING
TUESDAY, JULY 7
11:00AM–1:00PM
WESTGATE
Grade K–Adult • See description June 21.

WHIRLIGIG SPINNERS
WEDNESDAY, JULY 8
12–1:00PM
DTN LOWER LEVEL PROGRAM RM
Grade K–5 • Make a colorful whirligig spinner out of simple supplies!

TRIVIATIME! WITH KATIE AND ABBIE! PERCY JACKSON AND OTHER RIORDAN MYTHS
WEDNESDAY, JULY 8
12–1:00PM
TRAVERWOOD
Grade K–Adult • Fun for the whole family! Join Katie and Abbie for a themed round of trivia! This game's theme: Percy Jackson and Other Riordan Myths! Players ages 5-99 are welcome to compete to win Summer Game Points!

Questions will be based on the following series: Percy Jackson and the Olympians *(Books 1–7),* Heroes of Olympus, The Trials of Apollo, Magnus Chase, *and* The Kane Chronicles.

CLASSIC ARCADE WEEK: TOURNAMENT
THURSDAY, JULY 9
10:00AM–7:45PM
AALF (265 PARKLAND PLAZA)
Grade 3–Adult • The Classic Arcade Week culminates with a High Score Tournament. Come and test your skills against other patrons. The day is sure to be filled with camaraderie and friendly competition. Tournament qualifications: 10am-3pm; Open Play: 3pm-8pm; Finals: 6pm-8pm.

BUILD A PAPER HOBBY HORSE
THURSDAY, JULY 9
3–4:00PM
TRAVERWOOD
Grade K–5 • Need a companion for your next magical adventure? Come build a hobby horse out of paper, cardboard, and ribbon.

STRAW BRIDGE ENGINEERING
THURSDAY, JULY 9
3–4:00PM
MALLETTS CREEK
Grade K–5 • Using straws and tape, construct a bridge and test its strength.

SING AND DANCE-A-LONG
FRIDAY, JULY 10
11:00AM–12:00PM
DTN LOBBY
Grade K–2 • Sing and Dance-A-Long with local musician Kat Steih! These fun musical activities encourage interaction, movement, and play, and are led from the piano by Kat.

PAINT A SNAKE
FRIDAY, JULY 10
2–3:00PM
TRAVERWOOD
Grade K–5 • Paint a 3D wooden toy snake with your very own design.

COMIC CONTEST DROP-IN SESSION
FRIDAY, JULY 10
2–3:00PM
PITTSFIELD
Preschool–Grade 8 • Prepare for the upcoming Comic Contest by working on your comic and sharing it with other kids! We can help you submit your comic, too.

For more information about the Kids' Comic Contest, visit aadl.org/kidscomiccontest.

SUMMER GAME SPECTACULAR

SATURDAY, JULY 11
1–4:00PM
VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK
(2150 JACKSON AVE)
All Ages • Join fellow Summer Game players and community members for another SPECTACULAR celebration of all things SUMMER and SUMMER GAME! Circus performances, lawn games, bubbles, ice cream and MORE await at AADL's annual summer celebration. Oh, and of course, you'll find lots of CODES which means lots and lots of POINTS! See you there!

MINIONS PARTY!

SUNDAY, JULY 12
12–1:00PM
PITTSFIELD
Preschool–Grade 5 • Join us for *Minions* crafts, music, and fun!

CHESSTASTIC

SUNDAY, JULY 12
1–3:00PM
TRAVERWOOD
Grade K–Adult • See description June 7.

TOYS & GAMES SWAP

SUNDAY, JULY 12
2–4:00PM
DTN LOWER LEVEL PROGRAM RM
Preschool–Adult • Swap out your old children's toys and games for something new to you!

Items will be accepted at all library locations through July 6. You do not need to bring materials in order to pick something up.

PARENT & CHILD DRAWING WORKSHOP

MONDAY, JULY 13
12–1:00PM
DTN LOWER LEVEL PROGRAM RM
Grade K–5 • See description June 17.

PAINTING WITH PASTA

MONDAY, JULY 13
12–1:00PM
WESTGATE
Grades K–5 • Paint with pasta! You can make a sunny sky with spaghetti, a bony skeleton with farfalle, car wheels with orecchiette, or a building with elbow macaroni!

LEGO CONNECTION
TUESDAY, JULY 14
2–3:00PM
WESTGATE
Grade K–5 • Get connected with other LEGO-minded people and build cool things during this open LEGO play. AADL will supply the LEGO, so you can leave yours at home.

TELEPHONE WIRE BRACELETS
TUESDAY, JULY 14
2–3:00PM
PITTSFIELD
Grade K–12 • We will transform telephone wire into colorful bracelets. Come make a few of these unique accessories to give as gifts or wear yourself!

MAKE YOUR OWN 3D ART
WEDNESDAY, JULY 15
3–4:00PM
WESTGATE
Grade K–5 • Create 3D pictures using red and blue markers and classic 3D glasses!

HEXBUG ADVENTURES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 15
3–4:30PM
TRAVERWOOD
Grade K–5 • See description June 10.

WOVEN HEARTS
THURSDAY, JULY 16
3–4:00PM
PITTSFIELD
Grade K–Adult • Learn how to make flätade hjärtan! These woven paper hearts from Scandinavia are a puzzle to make until you know the secret! This is a drop-in event.

AUTHOR EVENT | MELISSA DIVIETRI AND COCO
THURSDAY, JULY 16
3–4:00PM
MALLETTS CREEK
Preschool–Grade 5 and Caregivers • Meet Melissa and her loyal service dog, CoCo, in a heartwarming story about friendship, courage, and independence. Together, they journey through airports, art districts, and everyday adventures, showing that love and teamwork can help overcome obstacles. Melissa is a differently abled artist who uses a wheelchair and other mobility devices to move through the world with creativity and determination. With CoCo by her side, she faces both joyful and challenging moments in a way that helps readers better understand accessibility, empathy, and the beauty of strength in our differences.

This event includes a signing with books for sale.

FAMILY STORYTIME WITH LAURA RAYNOR
THURSDAY, JULY 16
6–6:30PM
MALLETTS CREEK
Preschool–Grade 3 • Join us for an evening of stories with local storyteller Laura Raynor. Whether you're a long time fan of Laura's storytelling, or are just looking for fabulous stories for the whole family to enjoy, this event shall treat and delight.

CONCERT | JIM GILL
FRIDAY, JULY 17
11:00AM–12:00PM
DTN LOBBY
Preschool–Grade 5 • Experience the joyful songs of banjo player Jim Gill! You can't help but clap and dance along with all his music. Jim has been entertaining families for over 20 years and returns to AADL with his expertise in child development and funology.

TIE DYE WITH DAWN HENRY
FRIDAY, JULY 17
3–4:00PM
6–7:00PM
AALF (265 PARKLAND PLAZA)
Grade K–Adult • Make your own unique, tie-dyed creation. Please bring a white, 100% cotton T-shirt or other similarly sized item. One tie-dyed item per participant.

FABULOUS FINGERPRINT NECKLACES

SATURDAY, JULY 18
1–2:00PM
PITTSFIELD
Grade K–5 • Make a little wearable piece of art with these easy pendant necklaces! Create something wonderful with fingerprint ink and a few other basic supplies, then set it inside a small metal and glass charm.

JUKEBOX BINGO: TAYLOR SWIFT EDITION

SATURDAY, JULY 18
1–2:00PM
MALLETTS CREEK
Grade K–Adult • Calling Swifties of all ages! Join us for a sing-along, toe-tapping, fun twist on a classic game. Listen to snippets of your favorite Taylor Swift songs, match the title on your bingo card, and if you're the first to get a bingo, win some snazzy library swag! Don't know the song titles? That's okay! Titles are provided during game play. Dressing up in your favorite Taylor merch is encouraged but certainly not required!

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FAMILY FRIENDLY DRUM CIRCLE WITH DRUMMUNITY

SUNDAY, JULY 19
1–2:00PM
DTN LOWER LEVEL PROGRAM RM
Grade K–Adult • Join us for Drummunity, a unique, high-energy, and fun hands-on drumming experience. Lori Fithian will bring her multicultural collection of hand drums and percussion toys, and YOU get to play them! Fun for the whole family.

DRAG BINGO

SUNDAY, JULY 19
2–3:00PM
DTN 4TH FL PROGRAM RM
All Ages • Join Drag Queen extraordinaire Baddie Brooks for a fantastic session of BINGO with music, prizes, and lots of fun! All are welcome.

STORYTELLING WITH SCULPTURES AND PUPPETS

SUNDAY, JULY 19
2–3:00PM
MALLETTS CREEK
Grade K–5 • Join us as artist Jeff Jantz shares his whimsical sculptures and puppets, then participate in a hands-on storytelling experience.

TRIVIATIME WITH KATIE AND ABBIE! *KPOP DEMON HUNTERS*

SUNDAY, JULY 19
2–3:00PM
WESTGATE
Grade K–Adult • Fun for the whole family! Join Katie and Abbie for a themed round of trivia! This game's theme: *KPop Demon Hunters*! Players ages 5-99 are welcome to compete to win Summer Game Points!

TINY WINDOW GREENHOUSE

MONDAY, JULY 20
11:00AM–12:00PM
TRAVERWOOD
Preschool–Grade 5 • Make a tiny window greenhouse and watch as your very own plant seedlings grow!

BATTERY BALLERINAS

MONDAY, JULY 20
11:00AM–12:00PM
DTN SECRET LAB
Grade K–5 • Create a spinning ballerina using a wire, a battery, and some magnets!

THE JOEL TACEY MAGICAL COMEDY SHOW

TUESDAY, JULY 21
1–1:45PM
DTN LOBBY
Grade K–5 • Amazing magic, dazzling juggling, goofy stunts, and LOTS of audience participation highlight this exciting show. Get ready for BIG laughs and BIG fun for everyone!

BEADED MESSAGE BRACELETS

TUESDAY, JULY 21
1–2:00PM
PITTSFIELD
Grade K–Adult • Make some fun jewelry with pony beads and letters

of the alphabet. Use your bracelet to display a favorite song lyric, word, or phrase. Make one to keep and one to give to a friend!

THE MAD HATTER'S TOTALLY PRETEND TEA PARTY

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22
2–3:30PM
DTN KIDS STORY CORNER
Grade K–5 • Join us for this tremendously silly and totally imaginary tea party! Enjoy an afternoon of pretend tea served in empty cups, alongside an assortment of very-not-real playtime confections. Meet a few of your favorite characters and enjoy an assortment of fun things to do, including Wonderland-style croquet and an array of craft projects.

PAPER PLATE FLYING SAUCERS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22
2–3:00PM
TRAVERWOOD
Preschool–Grade 5 • See description June 25.

OCEAN ANIMAL CRAFTS

THURSDAY, JULY 23
1–2:00PM
MALLETTS CREEK
Preschool–Grade 3 • Come make a shark headband, a paper cup octopus, and more underwater creatures.

PAPER AIRPLANES

THURSDAY, JULY 23
1–2:00PM
DTN LOWER LEVEL PROGRAM RM
Grade 3–Adult • Learn about aerodynamics while you test out a number of paper airplane designs, from the iconic Dart to the V-Wing. Enter your best design in a flight challenge to see which plane can fly the farthest!

RISO LAB

THURSDAY, JULY 23
5–7:00PM
DTN SECRET LAB
Grade K–Adult • See description June 30.

DIY STAMPS

FRIDAY, JULY 24
12–1:00PM
PITTSFIELD
Preschool–Grade 5 • See description June 26.

POKÉBATTLE SUNDAY

SUNDAY, JULY 26
1–4:00PM
DTN 4TH FL PROGRAM RM
Grade 3–Adult • First time battlers and seasoned veterans alike are invited to the Downtown Library for some friendly Pokémon competition! If your skills prove stronger than a Registeel, you may even win a prize!

SIMPLE BASKET WEAVING

SUNDAY, JULY 26
1–2:00PM
PITTSFIELD
Grade 3–Adult • Using a paper cup as the base, weave yarn or string to create a small basket.

SEAN FORBES: DEAF & LOUD

SUNDAY, JULY 26
2–3:00PM
DTN LOBBY
Grade K–Adult • Sean Forbes is a nationally recognized deaf rapper, hip-hop artist, and activist whose performances are as powerful to watch as they are to hear. Blending music, rhythm, and American Sign Language, Sean performs his songs while signing every lyric, creating a fully accessible and visually dynamic experience for audiences of all abilities. Through his music, Sean explores themes of identity, accessibility, and resilience, sharing his personal journey as a deaf artist in the music industry. His performances offer audiences a fresh perspective on what live music can be. Join us for an unforgettable performance that celebrates creativity, inclusion, and the universal power of music.

PAINT WITH DOTS

MONDAY, JULY 27
1–2:00PM
DTN SECRET LAB
Grade K–5 • Using cotton swabs and tempera paint, apply dots of color to create your own masterpiece!

MICHIGAN LIGHTHOUSES!

MONDAY, JULY 27
2–3:00PM
PITTSFIELD
Grade K–5 • Using simple supplies, we'll build a small lighthouse that would look at home on any of the Great Lakes.

NOSE-IN-A-BOOK REFRIGERATOR MAGNETS
TUESDAY, JULY 28
12–1:00PM
PITTSFIELD
Grade K–5 • Celebrate reading with these easy to make magnets! Choose from a bewildering array of precut paper shapes, glue them together, and then add a small magnet to the back.

CROW PARTY
TUESDAY, JULY 28
12–1:30PM
DTN LOWER LEVEL PROGRAM RM
Preschool–Adult • Dress in all black and bring a trinket to trade as we hang out and do crafts with a murder of fellow crows.

BALLOON-POWERED HOVERCRAFT
WEDNESDAY, JULY 29
11:00AM–12:00PM
DTN SECRET LAB
Grade K–5 • Overcome friction by building a balloon-powered hovercraft using a few simple supplies.

PAINTED BLOCK PICTURE HOLDERS
WEDNESDAY, JULY 29
2–3:00PM
DTN LOWER LEVEL PROGRAM RM
Grade K–5 • Stack and paint wooden blocks, then add a photo holding wire. Take a photo with our instant cameras for a memory!

SUMMER GAME MIXER!
WEDNESDAY, JULY 29
5:30–7:00PM
DTN SECRET LAB
All Ages • See description June 12.

FAMILY-FRIENDLY CONCERT: IT'S COOL TO BE KIND WITH GINCY
THURSDAY, JULY 30
12–12:45 PM
DTN LOBBY
Grade K–Adult • Presented by nationally acclaimed recording artist, Gincy, this show is filled with original songs with meaningful and inspiring lyrics that are designed to connect with students at any grade level. Because, #kindnessmatters.

INTERACTIVE MOVIE EXPERIENCE: *FROZEN*
THURSDAY, JULY 30
12–1:45PM
DTN LOWER LEVEL PROGRAM RM
What could be more fun than watching *Frozen*? Getting to be part of the action! We'll bring the scripts and props, and you bring the energy.

This 102-minute film is rated PG.

CONCERT | AIM HIGH FLYERS
THURSDAY, JULY 30
6–7:00PM
DTN LOBBY
All Ages • Join Matthew Landrum, along with students and alumni from AIM High School, for a performance of cover songs from various eras and music genres. The Flyers' mission is to bring awareness to neurodiversity and to bring the rock!

GLITTER PICTURES
FRIDAY, JULY 31
3–4:00PM
DTN SECRET LAB
Grade K–Adult • Create a dazzling picture using glitter and adhesive foam!

RAINBOW EMBROIDERY
FRIDAY, JULY 31
3–4:30PM
PITTSFIELD
Grade K–12 • Embroider a rainbow or create your own free-form design using burlap, yarn, and yarn needles.

UNICORN MASKS
SATURDAY, AUGUST 1
12–1:00PM
PITTSFIELD
Grade K–5 • Make a dazzling unicorn mask out of felt, glittery paper, sparkly plastic jewels, and more! These superhero-style masks fit around the eyes and offer tons of ways to get creative.

TABLETOP SPORTS EXTRAVAGANZA

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1
12–1:30PM
DTN LOWER LEVEL PROGRAM RM
Grade K–5 • Create a collection of old-school style tabletop sports games including hockey, paper football, and basketball.

21ST ANNUAL LEGO CONTEST

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2
9:00AM–6:30PM
THE MICHIGAN ROOM AT THE SHERATON HOTEL (3200 BOARDWALK DR, ANN ARBOR)
Preschool–Adult • Enter your best LEGO project in AADL's 21st annual LEGO Contest, held at the Sheraton Hotel.

For more information about the LEGO Contest, visit aadl.org/LEGO.

COMMUNITY MUSIC MAKING WITH NEUROARTS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2
12–1:00PM
DTN LOWER LEVEL PROGRAM RM
All Ages • Join Sasha Gusikhin and Grace Frielink of NeuroArts Productions for a collaborative musical performance! Hand instruments will be provided.

ROCK ON! DIGGING INTO EARTH'S HIDDEN TREASURES

MONDAY, AUGUST 3
1–2:00PM
2:30–3:30PM
PITTSFIELD
Grade K–5 • Leave no stone unturned as you explore rocks, minerals, and the processes that formed them. Through experiments and observation, you'll learn how scientists identify mystery specimens and uncover the stories written in stone.

This program is in partnership with Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum and Leslie Science and Nature Center.

PUPPET SHOW!

MONDAY, AUGUST 3
3–3:30PM
DTN LOBBY
Preschool–Grade 3 • Join AADL storytellers for a fun and silly puppet show!

AN AFTERNOON WITH THE CREATURE CONSERVANCY

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4
2–2:45PM
3:15–4:00PM
PITTSFIELD
Grade K–Adult • See description June 25.

For the safety of the animals and attendees, this event has limited seating.

MERMAID SPARKLE WANDS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4
2–3:00PM
WESTGATE
Grade K–5 • Craft and decorate a sparkly seashell or starfish wand fit for a mermaid.

LIGHT-UP PAPER HELICOPTERS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5
3–4:00PM
DTN SECRET LAB
Grade K–5 • Create a paper helicopter that lights up!

MAP ENVELOPES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5
3–4:00PM
TRAVERWOOD
Grade 3–Adult • See description June 22.

PAJAMA JAM STORYTIME
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5
7–7:30PM
PITTSFIELD
Grade K–3 • Join us for a family pajama jam featuring sleep-themed stories and songs. Come in your pajamas, bring your favorite stuffed animal or blanket, and be ready for fun during this special storytime.

YARN-WRAPPED CARDBOARD LETTERS
THURSDAY, AUGUST 6
2–3:00PM
WESTGATE
Grade K–Adult • Create a fun and colorful decoration by wrapping different colors of yarn around a pre-cut cardboard letter of your choice.

ANYTHING GOES CRAFTS
THURSDAY, AUGUST 6
2–3:00PM
DTN LOWER LEVEL PROGRAM RM
Grade K–Adult • Come discover what you can create with an array of leftover program supplies!

ROLL A MONSTER
FRIDAY, AUGUST 7
12–1:00PM
TRAVERWOOD
Grade K–5 • Take some dice and roll for monster parts! Come build and decorate a monster.

ROBOTS ARE STEAM-TASTIC!
FRIDAY, AUGUST 7
12–1:30PM
PITTSFIELD
Grade K–6 • Join Dr. Carlotta Berry to learn how robots see, think and act! Through storytelling and hands-on exploration, we'll observe and interact with 3D-printed and cardboard robot models to predict robot behavior in different environments.

This event includes books for sale.

SUPER SMASH BROS. SPARRING SOIREE
SATURDAY, AUGUST 8
1–3:00PM
PITTSFIELD
All Ages • Looking to test your mettle with the best in town, settle a grudge match, or just looking to get in reps on some low stakes training bouts, before the big tournament on August 22? Come on down to the Super Smash Bros. Sparring Soiree.

PAPER LANTERN JELLYFISH
SATURDAY, AUGUST 8
1–2:00PM
TRAVERWOOD
Grade K–5 • Turn an ordinary paper lantern into an extraordinary glowing pink jellyfish! This easy craft project will give you a chance to create something unique using LED lights, flowing ribbons, and various other decorative craft supplies.

ARTS & CRAFTS SUPPLY SWAP
SUNDAY, AUGUST 9
12–2:00PM
DTN LOWER LEVEL PROGRAM RM
Preschool–Adult • Are you a crafter with too many supplies on your hands? Do you want to try a new hobby, but don't want to buy more material? Join us for an art supply swap!

Items will be accepted at all library locations through August 2. You do not need to bring materials in order to pick something up.

SPY ACADEMY!
SUNDAY, AUGUST 9
12–1:00PM
MALLETTS CREEK
Grade K–5 • Learn techniques and strategies employed by the sneakiest of spies for carrying secrets, mastering disguises, and writing in code.

MAKE YOUR OWN FLAG
SUNDAY, AUGUST 9
12–1:30PM
PITTSFIELD
Grade K–5 • We'll provide a variety of materials and examples for you to create a flag to represent anything you'd like.

CHESSTASTIC
SUNDAY, AUGUST 9
1–3:00PM
TRAVERWOOD
Grade K –Adult • See description June 7.

DRAG BINGO
SUNDAY, AUGUST 9
3–4:00PM
DTN 4TH FL PROGRAM RM
All Ages • See description June 27.

MERMAID CRAFTS
MONDAY, AUGUST 10
3–4:00PM
MALLETTS CREEK
Grade K–5 • Make a mermaid crown and wand!

FABULOUS FINGERPRINT NECKLACES
MONDAY, AUGUST 10
3–4:00PM
DTN LOWER LEVEL PROGRAM RM
Grade K–5 • See description July 18.

SUMMER GAME MIXER!
MONDAY, AUGUST 10
5:30–7:00PM
DTN SECRET LAB
All Ages • See description June 12.

FROG AND TOAD CELEBRATION
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11
2–3:00PM
WESTGATE
Preschool–Grade 3 • Join AADL storytellers for stories and crafts featuring the beloved children's book characters Frog and Toad.

COLLAGE MAKING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11
2–4:00PM
PITTSFIELD
Grade K–Adult • See description June 21.

PAINTING WITH PASTA
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12
12–1:00PM
DTN LOWER LEVEL PROGRAM RM
Grades K–5 • See description July 13.

UNICORN FLOWER POTS
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12
12–1:00PM
TRAVERWOOD
Grade K–5 • Create a small yet magical unicorn-themed flower pot, then add a live plant!

INSECT INVESTIGATIONS
THURSDAY, AUGUST 13
11:00AM–12:00PM
12:30–1:30PM
MALLETTS CREEK
Grade K–5 • Discover the world of insects with the Leslie Science and Nature Center! Together we'll look closely at what makes insects unique and meet live insects up close, all while learning the importance of these many-legged creatures.

This program is in partnership with Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum and Leslie Science and Nature Center.

PAPER LANTERNS
THURSDAY, AUGUST 13
11:00AM–12:00PM
DTN LOWER LEVEL PROGRAM RM
Grade K–5 • Make a beautiful watercolor paper lantern! Add a cord for the handle so you can carry it wherever you go.

PARENT & CHILD DRAWING WORKSHOP

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14
1–2:00PM
PITTSFIELD
Grade K–5 • See description June 17.

PAPER PENGUIN FRIENDS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14
1–2:00PM
TRAVERWOOD
Grade K–5 • Create a silly penguin friend with paper, scissors, and glue. Make a single penguin or craft a whole colony of new fringed and feathered friends!

ANIME ARBOR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15
11:00AM–5:00PM
DOWNTOWN LIBRARY
Come join us for a one-day celebration of all things anime and manga! Enter the Cosplay Contest, or just snap some pictures at our photo-op area. Pick up some merch from the Artist Alley, or make your Anime Arbor mascot swag!

Don't forget about our panels and Q&A sessions with our special guests! This year, Anime Arbor is proud to welcome voice actor Kayli Mills and cosplay experts Akakioga, AlpacaAsh, Jazzthebat, and Halcybella.

THE IRON CRAFTER

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16
12–3:00PM
DTN LOWER LEVEL
Grade K–Adult • Join our team-based crafting challenge! Each team will have one hour to design and build a craft project using secret craft supplies to be revealed at the time of the event. We will have common tools and supplies on hand to assist; no outside materials can be used and the internet cannot be consulted. Those who wish to enter their final project to be judged by AADL staff have a chance to win glory and Summer Game points. Winners will be announced in several categories, including the top prize that goes to THE IRON CRAFTER. As this is a time-based challenge, please arrive at the start of the event.

STAGE COMBAT DEMONSTRATION WITH THEATRICA GLADIATORIA

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16
12–1:00PM
DTN LOBBY
Grade K–Adult • TBD
Enjoy a thrilling and educational demonstration of live swordplay that will bring the excitement of stage and screen combat to life! Then get an up-close look at the tools of the trade. Theatrica Gladiatoria is committed to furthering the art of stage combat by offering year-round training, innovative fight and action choreography, thrilling performances, and educational workshops for stage and screen. Theatrica provides accessible training and art to everyone, from professional artists to casual enthusiasts and community theatres to large film productions.

TRIVIATIME WITH KATIE AND ABBIE! PIXAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16
1–2:00PM
WESTGATE
Grade K–Adult • Fun for the whole family! Join Katie and Abbie for a themed round of trivia! This game's theme: Pixar! Players ages 5-99 are welcome to compete to win Summer Game Points!

TINY WINDOW GREENHOUSE

MONDAY, AUGUST 17
12–1:00PM
WESTGATE
Preschool–Grade 5 • See description July 20.

POOL NOODLE POM POM LAUNCHER

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18
11:00AM–12:00PM
DTN SECRET LAB
Grade K–5 • Come make and decorate a launcher and see how far you can make pom poms fly!

PRINTMAKING WITH FOUND OBJECTS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18
11:00AM–12:00PM
PITTSFIELD
Grade K–12 • Create unique prints with everyday household objects. What kind of design can you make with bubble wrap? A pencil eraser? Buttons? Come experiment and see what prints you can create!

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FRIDAY | AUGUST 21 | 6–8PM
YOST ICE ARENA • 1116 SOUTH STATE ST.
No charge for admission! No charge for skate rentals!

SUMMER PAINTING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18
2–3:00PM
WESTGATE
Preschool–Grade 5 • We'll outline fun summer shapes to create a colorful seasonal painting.

HEXBUG ADVENTURES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19
3–4:30PM
PITTSFIELD
Grade K–5 • See description June 10.

DIY STAMPS
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19
3–4:00PM
WESTGATE
Preschool–Grade 5 • See description June 26.

RUBBER BAND POWERED CAR
THURSDAY, AUGUST 20
12–1:00PM
DTN SECRET LAB
Grade K–5 • Come build a rubber band powered car and watch it go!

HANDSEWN FELT ENVELOPES
FRIDAY, AUGUST 21
2–3:00PM
PITTSFIELD
Grade K–5 • Use colorful felt and simple stitches to make an envelope. Add a button, too! You can use a felt envelope for so many things; storing small treasures, giving or keeping a letter, and much more.

DECORATE YOUR SHIELD
FRIDAY, AUGUST 21
2–3:00PM
TRAVERWOOD
Grade K–5 • Whether it's a knight's shield, a family crest, or coat of arms, we'll provide the materials to create and decorate a medieval cardboard shield.

SUMMER GAME SKATE
FRIDAY, AUGUST 21
6–8:00PM
YOST ICE ARENA (1116 S. STATE ST)
Grade K–Adult • Join AADL at Yost Ice Arena to celebrate the end of Summer Game 2026! There will be no charge for admission or skate rentals. Eli and his game code shirt will be in attendance. Please note: Skate at your own risk!

CRAFT STICK BIRD FEEDERS
SATURDAY, AUGUST 22
12–1:00PM
MALLETTS CREEK
Grade K–5 • Create a simple and colorful tray-style bird feeder to hang up!

NATURE JOURNALING: CLOUD IDENTIFICATION
SATURDAY, AUGUST 22
12–1:30PM
TRAVERWOOD
Grade K–5 • Visit nearby Stapp Nature Area to view and learn about clouds, then return to the library to create what you saw out of cotton balls! Bring your own nature journal or use the provided paper.

This event is in partnership with City of Ann Arbor Natural Area Preservation

SUPER SMASH BROS. ULTIMATE TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22
1–4:00PM
DTN 4TH FL PROGRAM RM
Grade K–Adult • No one left to beat? Come see the best Ann Arbor has to offer! We provide the Switches, you supply the smash! Join us for the longest-running Smash series in town and a chance to win a prize.

ALL-AGES MARIO KART TOURNAMENT

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23
1–4:00PM
DTN 4TH FL PROGRAM RM
All Ages • It's a Mario Kart 8 Tourney for kids, teens, and adults! Bring the family for an afternoon of fun!

THE SOUNDS AND STORIES OF AFRICA WITH FISHMONGER STORIES

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23
2–3:00PM
TRAVERWOOD
Grade K–Adult • Michigan-based storyteller Fishmonger Stories will give an energetic and entertaining performance of songs and traditional stories unlike any other. Enjoy the performance while learning about the peoples of Africa, including the dress and culture of the Maasai tribe of East Africa.

PAPER BAG MONSTERS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23
2–3:00PM
MALLETTS CREEK
Grade K–5 • Make a friendly monster out of paper bags, pipe cleaners, and a variety of pre-cut paper shapes!

MISCHIEVOUS YARN MONSTERS

MONDAY, AUGUST 24
11:00AM–12:00PM
WESTGATE
Grade K–5 • We're making silly little monsters out of yarn, pipe cleaners, and funny eyes!

VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR PAPER CRAFTS

MONDAY, AUGUST 24
11:00AM–12:00PM
DTN LOWER LEVEL PROGRAM RM
Grade K–5 • We'll use colorful construction paper to create a *Very Hungry Caterpillar* for display, decoration, or play.

OCTOPUS MOBILES

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25
1–2:00PM
PITTSFIELD
Grade K–5 • Make a few paper octopuses and turn them into a hanging mobile!

BUG CRAFTS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25
1–2:00PM
WESTGATE
Grade K–5 • Let's celebrate bugs by making a ladybug headband, a cicada mask, and a shiny clothespin dragonfly!

RISO LAB
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25
5–7:00PM
DTN SECRET LAB
Grade K–Adult • See description June 30.

PAPER PLATE JELLYFISH
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26
2–3:00PM
MALLETTS CREEK
Grade K–5 • Make a jellyfish that can move and swim around an under-the-sea paradise! Combine everyday objects and glittering craft supplies into something a little bit fabulous.

NATURE JOURNALING: BARK AND LEAF STUDY
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26
2–3:30PM
TRAVERWOOD
Grade K–5 • Bring your own nature journal or use provided paper to take shadings of bark and leaves in nearby Stapp Nature Area and learn about the plants that you find!

This event is in partnership with City of Ann Arbor Natural Area Preservation.

SOCK PUPPETS
THURSDAY, AUGUST 27
3–4:00PM
WESTGATE
Grade K–5 • Join us to create a sock puppet of your very own!

ANIMAL MOSAIC
THURSDAY, AUGUST 27
3–4:00PM
MALLETTS CREEK
Grade K–5 • Make a mosaic using paper squares! Use the dog and cat templates provided, or make your own design.

S'MORE PALS
FRIDAY, AUGUST 28
12–1:00PM
PITTSFIELD
Grade K–5 • Craft up a summer pal that looks just like a s'more.

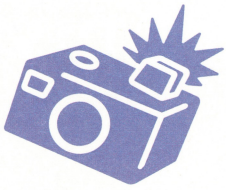
ANIMAL PAPER CRAFT: LIZARDS & COYOTES
FRIDAY, AUGUST 28
12–1:00PM
TRAVERWOOD
Grade K–5 • Cut, paste, and decorate a paper coyote, lizard, or both!

MAKE YOUR OWN STORY CUBES
SATURDAY, AUGUST 29
2–3:00PM
TRAVERWOOD
Grade K–5 • Decorate, cut, fold, and paste together your own story cubes! Story cubes are fun storytelling devices. Roll them like dice and use the images that land face-up as storytelling prompts!

SAND ART
SATURDAY, AUGUST 29
2–3:00PM
MALLETTS CREEK
Grade K–5 • Make sand art by pouring and layering different colored sand!

ARABIC STORYTIME
SUNDAY, AUGUST 30
11–11:30AM
WESTGATE
Preschool–Grade 3 • See description June 7.

GAME OVER GALA
SUNDAY, AUGUST 30
12:00–4:00PM
DTN LOBBY
All Ages • Let's take the Summer Game out with a bang with a building-wide puzzle, badge coloring, badge button making, face painting, and more! Use your remaining Summer Game points to bid for special items in our auction! After the auction, stay to watch the Tiny Film Fest award winners!



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AADL LOCATIONS

Downtown Library
343 S. Fifth Avenue
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Malletts Creek Branch
3090 E. Eisenhower Parkway
Ann Arbor, MI 48108

Pittsfield Branch
2359 Oak Valley Drive
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Traverwood Branch
3333 Traverwood Drive
Ann Arbor, MI 48105

Westgate Branch
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